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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO MAY 7, 2003 OFFICE ACTION

This paper is in response to the May 7, 2003 Office Action. Applicants enclose herewith a Petition for a one-month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and a \$55.00 check as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(1). With this extension of time, the present Amendment and Response is due on Monday, September 8, 2003 (September 7, 2003 being a Sunday).

Applicants believe that no additional fees are due with this filing. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-559 (Cura 59).

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.